

THE GREAT MIGRATION

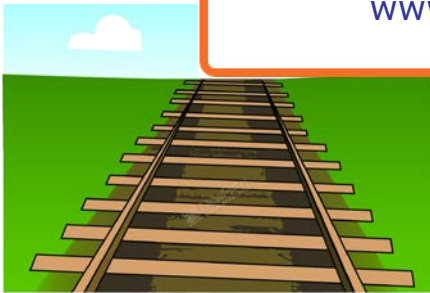
What was the Great Migration?

In the early 1990's, many African-Americans wanted to leave the south in order to find a better life. There were not many opportunities in the south, and the African-Americans that did have jobs as sharecroppers were losing crops.

The **Jim Crow laws** were another reason that African-Americans left the south. The Jim Crow laws gave blacks separate but equal status, and **racial discrimination** was still strong in the south. People became part of the Great Migration hoping that they would leave discrimination behind.



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Many northern cities grew as a result of the **Great Migration**. Chicago, Detroit, and New York City saw a rise in their African-American populations. The **Harlem Renaissance** was a result of the Great Migration. Life was better in the north for many African-Americans, but racial discrimination still happened outside of the south.

